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Disaster teams gearing for hurricanes

By Tony Martin
Associate Editor

As if Southern Baptist disaster relief teams haven't faced enough challenges during a record-setting spate of deadly tornadoes in the South and Midwest over the past month, June 1 marked the official start of the 2011 North Atlantic hurricane season.

In Mississippi, an EF-2 tornado hit Central Hills Retreat shortly after midnight on Jan. 1, but by daylight Yalobusha and Calhoun Association chainsaw teams were cutting trees so assessments could be made.

The camp was back in operation by March 25, hosting its first event.

On April 15, tornadoes hit Mississippi again. The Briar Hill Church, Florence, feeding unit was set up at the old Morrison Heights Church site in Clinton with 10 volunteers. Several associational chainsaw teams were activated.

The state feeding unit went to DeKalb to provide meals in that area using 10 members of the Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief Task Force members and several trained volunteers from Kemper Association. That same night, another tornado hit the Leakesville area, and associational teams in the area went to work feeding and covering homes with blue tarps. Three volunteers from the Task Force went to assist the associational volunteers.

On April 25, an EF-5 tornado hit Smithville, Wren, Monroe County, and other parts of north Mississippi. To date, this incident has involved 221 volunteers, with 7,381 hot meals served. Church and associational chainsaw teams completed 119 jobs plus doing general chainsaw work.



READY TO GO – Volunteer members of the Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief Task Force prepare a meal for victims of the tornado that roared through Clinton and the surrounding area on April 15, causing significant damage to businesses and homes. The Task Force's Mass Feeding Unit, a fully self contained eighteen-wheeler capable of preparing thousands of meals per day, was working from the parking lot of the old Morrison Heights Church campus in Clinton. (Photo by William H. Perkins Jr.)

Chaplains made contacts with 212 families. The shower units provided showers for 394 people and washed 64 loads of clothes. Teams assisted with 32 roofing jobs, and Golden Triangle Association hosted a debris removal day using 87 volunteers.

The month of May presented Mississippi with the worst flooding along the Mississippi River in over 100 years. A task force of five operated from North Greenwood Church, Greenwood, for several days. Currently, deployment hinges on the flood waters to go down so that teams can begin mud-out operations.

The beginning of the 2011 hurricane season is a good time for families, churches, associations, and communities to stop and make preparations so that in the event of a disaster, they will be ready with resources and a plan, said Mickey Caison, the North American Mission Board's disaster relief team leader.

Individuals can find resources to help their families, churches and associations prepare for potential disasters at www.mbc.org and www.namb.net/Disaster-Relief-Preparedness. Resources to assist in disaster preparedness are also available from the American Red Cross (www.redcross.org) and at www.ready.gov.

According to Don Gann, consultant in the Men's Ministry Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, there is much that families and churches can do to prepare for hurricanes.

"If churches are in the coastal area, we have a setup through which we can pre-identify feeding sites, and they are pretty much the same from year to year," said Gann. "We send them a letter reminding

them, and we also have secondary sites to which we can transport food."

If a church needs to get ready, there are some basic steps to take. For instance, churches should encourage their people to have on hand three days' worth of supplies. Important papers should be put in a safe place. We encourage churches to keep track of their folks, check on them, and make sure that if evacuation orders come there is some plan in place to take care of the people."

Gann encourages churches to have some sort of plan. "Some churches on the coast have sister churches in the central and northern parts of the state that are evacuation locations," he said. Members in those churches would know where they could go in the event of an evacuation.

Several churches in the Jackson area have that relationship with coastal churches. Garaywa Camp & Conference Center in Clinton is the evacuation site for New Orleans Seminary, Gann said.

Gann added that the Red Cross website cited earlier has information on how to put together a preparedness kit.

"Some people always stay during a hurricane," Gann said, "and churches can help by having contact information and a list of who's staying and who's not. We just encourage them to be as ready as they can be."

"Since January 1, Mississippi Baptists have been doing disaster relief work virtually every day this year. It's been a tough year, and this hurricane season could be one for the record books."

Baptist Press contributed to this article.



WHITE HOUSE BRIEFING — President Barack Obama (at head of table) listens as FEMA administrator Craig Fugate (third from left) speaks about federal preparedness for the 2011 hurricane season during a briefing in the Situation Room of the White House on June 1. In attendance was Mickey Caison (seventh from left, in yellow Southern Baptist disaster relief shirt), president of the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters and coordinator of Southern Baptist disaster relief operations at the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in Alpharetta, Ga. (BP photo courtesy of The White House)

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'Back at the ATM'

A visitor from another planet would have a difficult time right now discerning whether Mississippians and the state's news media are more excited about the receding flood, or the reopening of the river casinos as the water goes down.

Over time, Mississippians have become too acclimated to legalized gambling in our state — and based on our behavior, that apparently includes many Mississippi Baptists. We just don't take it very seriously, like alcohol even as the casualties continue to pile up.

Big Gambling has always been about the money, and the political and social power that comes along with that money. Now someone who claims to be a "pit boss," one of those sinister-looking fellows in expensive suits who walk the floor of the casino patrolling the gambling tables, has written a book titled, *Casino Confidential* (Quirk Books 2008). He does not reveal his identity.

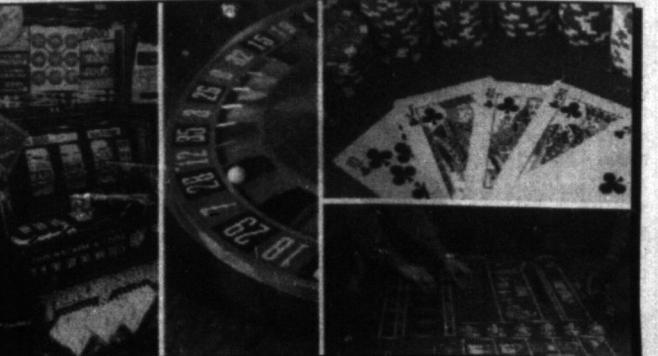
Nonetheless, his observations ring true to anyone with a passing knowledge of how legalized gambling works and how the deck is always stacked against the individual gambler. Some intriguing tidbits from the book, excerpted by Newsweek magazine and msnbc.com:

• **No matter what game you're talking about — blackjack, craps, Elvis Presley slot machines — the odds are always in the casino's favor.** This advantage is called the house edge and ensures that the casinos stay in business. They aren't cheating; they'll lose their license if they rip you off. But there are plenty of legal ways they can get you to stop paying attention to your bet.

• **If you're serious about gambling, don't drink while you do it.** Alcohol is a casino's best friend: It makes you do things no sane, rational person would ever think of doing,

like betting your entire paycheck on red 22 — again! In gambling jargon, a "fish" is an easy mark, and there's a reason casinos try to make you drink like one. Also, be wary if a casino starts offering you other freebies, especially after you've won a lot. The casino owners are going to do whatever they can to keep you there so they can win their money back. Want a complimentary dinner for two? A hotel room? Perhaps a free bottle of bubbly? No problem. They want you to think to yourself, "Wow, these guys are great! I don't want to leave just yet."

• **Casinos spend millions studying psychology and what motivates us to take risks.** That's why you see so much red,



especially on slot machines — red supposedly attracts players and gets them to think of victory. Casinos have also experimented with different scents — a kind of gamblers' aromatherapy.

Should you forget to wear a watch, good luck finding out what time it is. The only clocks in casinos are on the employees' time cards. Casinos want you to lose track of time; that's why windows are so rare. It could be 5 in the morning or 5 in the afternoon, but inside a casino it's always forget-your-troubles time.

• **The inventor of chips was a genius.** Plopping down a stack of \$100 chips isn't nearly as painful as putting down a wad of \$100 bills. When you win a small jackpot at the tables, dealers automatically pay you in chips, hoping you'll burn right through them without a second thought. Have you ever noticed there are a dozen places in a casino to buy chips but only one place where you can cash them in? Cash goes straight into your pocket, and the casino owners know they might never see it again.

• **You shouldn't step inside the casino unless you have 100 times your smallest bet.** If you only have \$100, you should play the \$1 tables. I see people sit down at a \$10 table and buy in for \$100 all the time. Twenty minutes later, they're all out of cash and back at the ATM.

Gambling is bad for Mississippi, and bad for Mississippians. It's bad for America. Always has been, always will be. Are we too far down the slippery slope to see that?

GUEST OPINION:

Religious expression now freer in Europe?

By Alan Sears, president
Alliance Defense Fund

A number of appellate court judges, including five U.S. Supreme Court justices, have indicated their enthusiasm for citing foreign law in constitutional cases, and the high court has already invoked European precedents in several instances.

Ironically, with this ruling, the Council of Europe now allows Europeans more legal leeway for acknowledging their national history and religious heritage — even if it is Christian — than many U.S. courts grant Americans.

The Alliance Defense Fund and allied lawyers represented 33 members (from 11 nations) of the European Parliament in an appeal of the earlier ruling, issued by a lower chamber of the ECHR.

The decision marked a major victory for the rights of Council of Europe member nations to preserve their own traditions and beliefs. It also came as something of a surprise not only for groups like the European Humanist Federation, but for U.S. jurists looking for legal precedents they can apply to religious freedom issues in American courtrooms.

semblance of the Judeo-Christian God from every corner of the public square.

Indeed, crosses and prayers should be no more intrusive or unsettling in a free culture than bumper stickers and honking horns are in morning traffic. Each marks the free expression of one person's convictions, and like all free expressions, religious ones are sometimes loud and sometimes quiet, sometimes a little overbearing and sometimes gentle encouragement, sometimes irritating (even to Christians), and sometimes delightful (even to the unbelieving), but always — always — free.

To eliminate that free expression of faith because some will always find faith "offensive" is more than a travesty against our nation's history or a rejection of the politically expressed will of the majority of our fellow Americans. It is the first giant step toward the elimination

Sears is a former federal prosecutor who held various posts in the departments of Justice and Interior during the Reagan Administration. The Alliance Defense Fund, headquartered in Scottsdale, Ariz., is a legal organization working to protect and preserve religious liberty, the sanctity of life, marriage, and the family. Sears' commentary appears here courtesy of Baptist Press

Ethnic growth plan to be presented in Phoenix

PHOENIX (BP) — Messengers to the 2011 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) in Phoenix will vote on a set of recommendations aimed at making the convention's leadership positions more reflective of the growing ethnic diversity in its churches.

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Clue: T = P

Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: Luke Five: Thirty-one

The Scripture says, "Be still, and know that I am God" (Ps. 46:10). It had been a beautiful spring day. It was almost summer but not quite. The day was warm, the afternoon was cool, and the golden sunset was in process. I was not scheduled to be anywhere for a meeting, to speak, or to visit with anyone and so I fixed myself a turkey sandwich, got a glass of Barq's Root Beer, and went out and sat in the backyard.

The atmosphere was still except for an occasional interruption by a gentle breeze brushing through the trees. I thought to myself, what an enjoyable moment this would be. I had hardly taken the first bite from my sandwich when the air conditioning unit kicked on and the noise seemed to override everything else that was happening in my backyard world. I was determined to enjoy the moment and so I continued to munch, watch, and be still.

Only a few more minutes passed when I saw a couple of the friendly squirrels that hang around our house jumping from limb to limb in a Sycamore tree as though they were doing acrobatics just for me. Actually, I don't think they knew that I was there. I stayed still, and I watched them as they came down the tree, jumped on a fence, and ran across the top of the fence into another tree playing and chasing one another. I thought how neat and what a beautiful thing to see God's creation, and then out of the corner of my eye I saw something flying over the backyard. It was a beautiful pair of hawks. They were flying into the sunset but they came from the east and seemed to be overhead for a lot longer than they



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actually were. They were flying alongside of each other and they seemed to be flying just for me. I thought to myself now this is good!

With the squirrels playing around me and hawks flying overhead, the air conditioner stopped. All that I could hear was the early night sounds of the locusts and soon some chirping chimney sweeps arrived. Out in the distance I heard the bark of a dog. It was not one of those angry, mean barks. It was one of those happy, friendly barks that a dog gives when he wants to say hello to someone. He barked a few times and then it was quiet. Then the verse came to my heart like a word from God, "Be still, and know that I am God."

Only I sat quietly and watched God's creation all around me, I thought about how infrequently I am still. About the only times that I could really think of when I was still was when I had to sit in a meeting somewhere paying close attention and not able to get up and leave or in the stillness of night when a long day is over and I fall into a deep sleep. However, to sit down and be still so rarely seems to come to me and to most of the people I see around me. It seems as though we must be going, doing, writing, talking, calling, emailing, text messaging, driving, exercising, but rarely being still. The longer I sat and the longer I was still the more I was blessed by the world around me.

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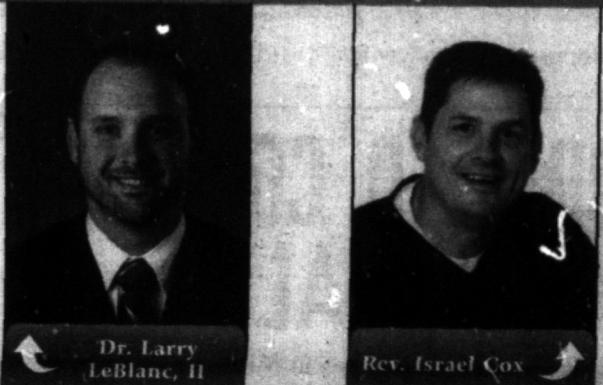
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5. First Church, Lexington

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The cost is \$25 per individual or a maximum of \$50 per family (immediate family - parents and their children). The cost includes: registration fee, t-shirt, event insurance, some supplies, some meals. Additional cost will include: some project supplies, meals, and housing. We are working on affordable housing options.

To receive a registration packet for this event, contact Tammy Anderson in the Mississippi WMU office (800-748-1651, ext. 323, or 601-292-3323 or tanderson@mbcb.org).

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Salvador Baptist Church • 13090 Darden Road

June 12 10:30 a.m. **Gulfport, Miss.** (228) 863-5096
Grace Memorial Baptist Church • 2301 23rd Avenue

June 13 6:30 p.m. **Jackson, Miss.** (601) 949-1900
First Baptist Church • 401 North State Street

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School PrayerWalk & Teacher Appreciation Sunday, July 24, 2011

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BAPTISTS

August 16-18, 2011
GARAYWA CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER, CLINTON, MISS.

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Sept. 30
through
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Monday, October 31, 2011
FBC Chapel, Jackson
1:15 – 4:45 p.m.

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Crafts Singing
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The Special Ministries Retreat is for exceptional persons (12 years and older) and their pastors, parents, teachers, and friends.

September 9-10, 2011
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For more information, contact Angie Boydston at aboydstun@mbcb.org or Lee Ann Boykin at laboykin@mbcb.org or call 1-800-748-1651, ext. 292, or 601.292.3292

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MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST YOUTH NIGHTS 2011



Dave and
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Brent Bush,
Speaker

July 15 – Coliseum, Jackson
July 16 – BancorpSouth Arena, Tupelo
6:30 p.m. • Door opens at 5:30 • Cost: \$5 at the door

Pray this day for...

"He told them: The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

Luke 10:2

Pray for: a team of seven from **North Winona BC** as they travel to Europe to minister through medical missions and minister to children and youth, June 12-19.

Pray for: a team of four from **Missions Mobilization** as they travel to Thailand to minister through AIDS and hospice ministry, May 13-24.

Pray for: **Buddy & Sandy Day** as they minister to the people of Buffalo, New York, through the Frontier Baptist Association, June-July.

Pray for: a team of four from **Mantee Baptist Church** as they travel to Ukraine to minister through Bible school, adult Bible study and construction, June 15-29.

Pray for: a team of five from **Arlington Heights BC**, Pascagoula, as they travel to minister to the people of Uganda, June 16-29.

Pray for: **Dan Duffy** as he ministers to the people of Elyria, Ohio, through the Northeast Association as an AMD.

Pray for: a team of 46 from **Dixie BC**, Hattiesburg, as they travel to minister to the people of Peru, June 18-26.

Pray for: **David Williams**, ministering to the people of Rochester, New York, through the Finger Lakes Association as an AMD.

Pray for: **Mike Flannery**, ministering to the people of Buffalo, New York, through the Frontier Association as an AMD.

Pray for: **Charlie Minney**, ministering to the people of five counties in southwest West Virginia through the Greater Huntington Association as an AMD.

Pray for: **Doug Virgin**, ministering to the people of five counties in southwest West Virginia through the Coalfields Association as an AMD.

Pray for: **All Nations Church** in Henrietta, New York, a thriving Korean congregation working with Mississippi Baptists to construct a new church facility.

State Literacy Missions Conference

July 14-16, 2011

Crossgates Baptist Church, Brandon

With Special Guest: Kendale Moore

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www.mbc.org/mission_strategy/wmu/literacy

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Parents: Arnold & Susie
South America

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Encourage an
MK with a card!

FOR SECURITY, cards will be forwarded.
Please send all to: Child's name, Parent's name, MBCB
WMU MK Birthdays, PO Box 530, Jackson MS
39205.

PLEASE NOTE: Church members may send a package of
cards together; cards do not have to be sent individually to
the WMU.

Senior Adult Rally

2011 Thursday, August 25

8:30-11:45 a.m.

First Baptist Church, Brandon

With
comedian
Al Fike!

For more information
call 601-825-6766
Registration: \$1 at the door



HOUSE TOPS

June 10 - June 23, 2011

Pray for: a team of 19 from **FBC, Tupelo**, traveling to Maine to minister through construction and community ministry, June 10-18.

Pray for: a team of 10 from **FBC, Vandaveer**, traveling to Costa Rica to minister through construction, June 11-18.

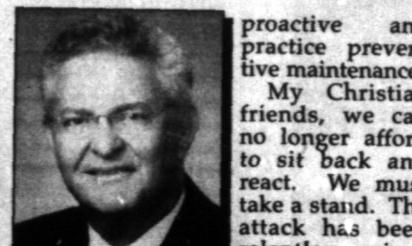
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Mopping Up

By Jimmy Porter
Miss. Baptist Christian Action Comm.



proactive and practice preventive maintenance.

My Christian friends, we can no longer afford to sit back and react. We must take a stand. The attack has been relentless since the days of Adam and Eve and it has not slackened. Therefore, our churches

must step up to the plate and get involved in creating an environment that is Christian friendly and tolerant to Christianity. Am I the only one who feels political correctness applies to all religious groups (both fanatical and terror-oriented) except Christian? Society is tolerant of all groups but not those who hold to Christian teachings and values.

Paul admonished Christians to be ready to be proactive. Yet, the vast majority of believers are reactionary. We wait until there is a crisis to respond or until the vote is cast to complain, moan and groan. Having been a pastor for several years, I learned it was difficult to get a church to become

What can we do? First and foremost, we must pray. Once we have put on the armor of God the apostle says that we must "pray always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit," (Eph. 6:18). E.M. Bounds

To study an issue is not enough. Appropriate action must be taken. Each church would do well to have a

said, "The prime need of the church is not men of money nor men of brains, but men of prayer."

"Prayer is a mighty instrument, not for getting man's will done in heaven, but for getting God's will done in earth," stated Robert Law. Our churches must take seriously the mandate to pray for our governing entities as fervently as we pray for the lost and the sick of our world.

group of concerned citizens to provide the church with strategies, techniques and resources with which to address all levels of government and social concerns. The steps are quite simple—pray, educate, and then act upon that which you have studied and saturated in prayer.

The Christian Action Commission is available to come to any church and meet with any group of individuals to assist in getting you started. There are resources we can share with you that will provide insights and helps with your strategies. Many churches are beginning to select committees for the new year, and what better time to get a group together and assign them the responsibility of keeping the members informed? Just give us a call at 601-292-3329 if you desire more information or need to schedule an organizational meeting.

Yes, we have won the war but we can never quit mopping up. Evil residue and debris are all around us, and we need some committed Christians to become "swabs." How about signing up?

Porter can be contacted at 601-292-3332 or at jporter@christianaction.com.

CLASSIFIED ADS

CULLENDALE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CAMDEN, ARKANSAS IS SEEKING A F/T YOUTH/STUDENT LIFE MINISTER. Salary based on experience and education. Current Youth program averages 45-55 students weekly. Please send resume and if possible audio or video to billwassers@cullendalebc.org or 1850 Cash Road, Camden, AR 71701.

MS GOSPEL CONVENTION June 9-11, 2011 @ Forrest Co. Multipurpose Center in Hattiesburg Thurs. 6:30pm: DOVE BROTHERS Chronicle, Homecoming, FRI 6pm: MSQC Awards, Tally Trio, Red Roots, Others: Sat. 1pm-10pm: Mark Trammell QT, Mike Bowling Family, Ricky Atkinson, Red Roots, Riders, Others (AM) Talent Contest www.mscqa.com or 601-466-4343 Ticket, RV, boothspace information.

TATE SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH, LOCATED IN ARLINGTON, TX, is a multi-generational conservative Southern Baptist Church looking for a Senior Pastor who can operate in a team approach with pastoral staff. Our total Sunday morning attendance is 600-650. Please forward resume to Terry Jeffries, Pastor of Administration at terry@tatesprings.com or directly to the pulpit committee at pastorsearch@tatesprings.com

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WOODLAND BAPTIST CHURCH, 3033 RIDGE ROAD, COLUMBUS MS 39705 ACCEPTING RESUMES FOR PASTOR. Sunday School-140, Worship-175. Experience & education a plus. Resumes accepted through June 30, 2011. Call 662-327-6689 for info.

FLOWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH IS SEEKING A BI-VOCATIONAL OR PART-TIME YOUTH MINISTER to work with both the children's division and the youth division as a coordinator not necessarily a teacher. Please send resumes to Flowood Baptist Church, 1649 Old Fannin Road, Flowood, MS 39232. For further information you may call 601-992-6464.

ENTERPRISE BAPTIST CHURCH IN ENTERPRISE, MS IS ACCEPTING RESUMES FOR A FULL-TIME MINISTER OF STUDENTS. Please send resumes to: enterprisebaptist@att.net

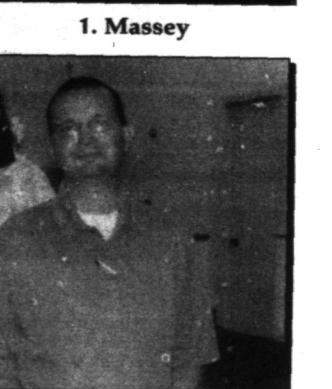
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STAFF CHANGES



1. Steele Church, Forest, has called Tony Massey as music minister.
2. Park Haven Church, Laurel, has called Christopher Fraizer as minister of student. He is shown with his wife, Chrissy, and sons, Daniel and Andrew.

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2. The Fraizers

JUST FOR THE RECORD



2. Branch Church, Morton



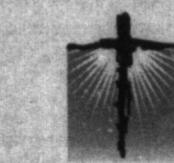
3. Calvary Church, Bogue Chitto



4. Bovina Church, Vicksburg



5. Steele Church, Forest



MISSISSIPPI
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1. Grace Church, Vicksburg, is having a 1980's youth reunion June 12; 11 a.m. service, followed by a fellowship potluck.
2. Branch Church, Morton, recognized the women in the church who had been members of the church for more than 50 years. Shown are Lodena Stewart, Opal Irby, Shelba Breedlove, Alene Tagert, Sue Torrence, and Wilma Davis.
3. Calvary Church, Bogue Chitto, recognized their high school and college graduates recently. Shown are high school graduates James Wilson, Bradi Davis, and Casey Fry.
4. Bovina Church, Vicksburg, held a Mother's Day celebration and "hat day." Shown are the participants.
5. Steele Church, Forest, recently recognized all the graduates from preschool, kindergarten, high school, college, and New Orleans Seminary. Shown are the graduates.
6. Randolph Church, Pontotoc County, recently licensed Steven Newell to the gospel ministry. Shown are pastor Gerald Finley and Newell.
7. Corinth Church, Tallahatchie County, held a baby dedication May 22. Shown are the children and their parents. Archic Goodwin, pastor.
8. Dorsey Church, Mooreville, held a baby dedication Apr. 17. Shown, from left, are Mary Loden, Keith Loden, Kim Cappleman holding Megan Grace Cappleman, Chris Cappleman holding Beth Cappleman, and Gene Loden.
9. Sylvarena Church, Wesson, recognized its high school graduates. Shown are Kristen Johns, Nick Nations, Earl Henson, Tiffany Wages, Kyle Cross, Mac Lowery, Ky Lowery, and Hunter Hood.



6. Finley and Newell



7. Corinth Church, Tallahatchie County



8. Dorsey Church, Mooreville



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